

Catastrophic Health Care Catastrophic Health Care

Description:

Meet the needs of the medically indigent in the State of Idaho who do not qualify for state or federal program eligibility requirements but qualify for county assistance. Each county is responsible for the first \$10,000 in medical bills incurred by medically indigent resident of that county in any 12 month period. The Catastrophic Fund is responsible for all medical bills during the 12 month period that are in excess of \$10,000.

In 2000, legislation enacted the Millennium Fund. The fund allocation of \$735,000 to Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program is for tobacco-related cancer/respiratory disease treatment by way of reducing the county deductible for such cases from \$10,000 to \$5,000. In 2001, legislation broadened the language to include tobacco-related cases where illness being treated was caused in whole, or in part, by tobacco use or exposure.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. Payment of medical bills for qualified medically indigent persons exceeding \$10,000.

A. Amount paid.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
12,959,540	11,201,029	11,873,090	12,585,475
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
13,340,603	14,007,633	14,708,014	15,443,414

B. Number of claims.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
750	716	788	867
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
954	1,039	1,091	1,145

C. Cost of average claim.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
17,279	15,644	15,067	14,516
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
13,984	13,482	13,481	13,525

D. Amount of largest claim.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
750,000	600,000	600,000	650,000
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
700,000	650,000	600,000	650,000

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2. Administrative fees and costs.

A. Contract for program administration and auditing.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
158,852	163,618	168,526	175,582
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
184,361	191,735	199,404	209,374

B. CAT Board expenses.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
16,400	16,500	16,900	17,400
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
18,100	19,000	19,950	20,947

C. Administrative costs as percent of claims paid.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
1.4%	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%

3. Reimbursement to CAT Program from or on behalf of indigents.

A. Amount reimbursed.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
750,000	685,000	725,000	730,000
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
740,000	755,000	800,000	855,000

B. Number of claims.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
825	845	875	900
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
925	1,000	1,270	1,300

C. Amount of average annual reimbursement.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
909	811	829	811
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
800	755	630	700

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4. Reimbursement of \$5,000 to counties on cases that payment has been made towards medical bills directly relating to illness being treated that was caused in whole, or in part, by tobacco use or exposure.
- A. Reduce the county deductible from \$10,000 to \$5,000 on treatment of illness caused in whole, or in part, by tobacco use or exposure.

Actual Results			
1999	2000	2001	2002
n/a	n/a	200,000	139,372
Projected Results			
2003	2004	2005	2006
435,000	500,000	528,000	555,000

Program Results and Effect:

To provide additional property tax relief in those cases where illness being treated was caused in whole, or in part, by tobacco use or exposure.

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